

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following for the Abstract presently in the application:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image heating device has a configuration capable of reliably positioning a member to be heated and an excitation coil and of reliably preventing vibration transmission from the exciting coil to the member to be heated. The image heating device provides an exciting unit outside a heat generator provided with a heat generating belt which is a heating object, provides a positioner at an end of the exciting unit and provides a shock absorber between the positioner and a bearing so that the distance between the exciting unit and the heat generator is maintained at a predetermined distance.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 and starting on page 4, line 19:

An image heating device according to an embodiment of the present invention includes a heat generator that has an outer surface and that generates heat by induction heating and a heater positioned close to the outer surface of the heat generator, the heater being configured to heat the heat generator by induction heating. A positioner is located close to an end of the heater, the positioner being configured to position the heater with respect to the heat generator. A vibration absorber is attached to the positioner and is configured, in one embodiment, to viscoelastically absorb vibration of the heater produced by a vibration caused by an electromagnetic repulsive force acting between the heat generator and the heater when the heater heats the heat generator by induction heating.